

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 8, please replace paragraph [0032] bridging page 9 with the following new paragraph:

[0032] Next, as a second method, a method for adjusting the amount of the electrolytic solution will be described. The amount of the electrolytic solution is set to an amount equal to or larger than the amount at which the inflection point, that is related to the generation amount of the decomposition gas per unit time when the battery is overcharged, appears. The valve opening pressure of the safety valve 14 is set to ~~0.15~~ 1.5 MPa.